



**MEETING OF THE  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AND THE POLICY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

February 22, 2022

M-I-N-U-T-E-S

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Committee of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met in a joint meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in Owensboro's City Hall. Quorums for both committees were present with the members, as listed:

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nate Pagan, Owensboro City Manager, Chairman  
Tim Lyons, Owensboro Municipal Utilities  
Barry House, KYTC Division of Planning  
Brittaney Johnson, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation  
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission  
Tristan Durbin, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport  
Mark Brasher, Daviess County Engineer  
Kevin Collignon, Owensboro City Engineer  
Scott Atherton, Kenergy Corporation  
Garrett Gordon, Regional Water Resource Agency  
Joanna Shake, Green River Area Development District  
Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2  
Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce  
Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Commissioner  
Bernadette Dupont, Federal Highway Administration (via Zoom)  
Eric Perez, KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery (represented by Gail Mayeux)

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority  
Sgt. Jason Owens, Owensboro Police Department

Brad Schneider, Chairman ■ Al Mattingly, Jr., Vice Chairman ■ Steve Henry, Secretary ■ Adam O'Nan, Treasurer ■ Joanna Shake, Executive Director

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Sgt. Tyler Free, Daviess County Sheriff's Office  
Pamela Canary, Owensboro Transit System

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Al Mattingly, Daviess County Judge/Executive, Chairman  
Tom Watson, City of Owensboro Mayor, Vice-Chairman  
Deneatra Henderson, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Todd Jeter, KY Division Administrator, FHWA  
Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, FTA

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Dan Lanham, GRITS  
Kevin McClearn, AEI  
Tom Lovett, GRADD  
Max Gee, GRADD  
Kiersten Jaegggers, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2  
Isidro Delgado, KYTC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Policy Chair Al Mattingly called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 30, 2021, joint Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Deneatra Henderson and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2021, Technical Advisory/Policy Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. New TAC members

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chairman Nate Pagan introduced three new members of the TAC to all present.



- Gordon Garrett has replaced Sean O'Bryan as the representative for RWRA.
- Sgt. Mike Page is being replaced as the representative for the Owensboro Police Department. A replacement was named, but he was promoted in the interim and will be replaced soon.
- Isidro Delgado will be replacing Barry House as the representative for KYTC Office of Planning. Mr. House is retiring from KYTC. Members gave Mr. House a round of applause for his efforts over the years and several members, expressed their thanks for his work.

B. Safety Targets

Tom Lovett presented the members with new the following Safety Targets set by KYTC:

Number of Fatalities – 752  
Number of Serious Injuries – 2,568  
Fatality Rate – 1.535  
Serious Injury Rate – 5.241  
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries – 299

Mr. Lovett explained the target numbers were based on a five-year rolling average. The rates are incidents per 100 million miles traveled. KYTC set these targets, and Mr. Lovett recommended the MPO support those targets.

Barry House asked Mr. Lovett to explain what it means to support the state targets. Mr. Lovett explained the MPO is required to set a series of targets. KYTC also sets a set and given the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO's size, it makes more sense for the MPO to support the state's targets than to set its own. Mr. Lovett added when city and county make repairs or improvements designed to make the roads safer, that shows support for the safety targets, which have a goal of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries on the state's roads.

Judge Mattingly asked how the MPO's numbers compared to other, similar-sized MPOs. Mr. Lovett replied he couldn't answer without researching. Barry House stated the KYTC recently launched a new Safety Dashboard that would allow someone to make those comparisons. Mr. Lovett agreed to do the research and get the data out to the MPO members.

Bernadette Dupont of FHWA told members of a webinar that afternoon about how the state and MPOs set their targets. Ms. Dupont shared the meeting was the first of three, with the second on March 1 and the third on March 9.

Ms. Dupont added the MPO can set their own targets and set them more stringent than those set by the state, but they cannot be less than those set by the state because that would not represent supporting the state's targets.

A motion was made by Charlie Castlen and seconded by Brian Wright to recommend that the Policy Committee vote to support the state targets. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Deneatra Henderson of KYTC District 2 then made a motion for the MPO to support the state safety targets.

Mayor Tom Watson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

C. FTA Grant Resolution

Mr. Lovett told the members the MPO must apply to the FHWA and the FTA for the funding to operate the MPO every year. He shared this resolution granted Joanna Shake authorization to apply for those funds on behalf of GRADD, where the MPO is housed.

A motion was made by Charlie Castlen and seconded by Candance Brake to recommend the Policy Committee vote to sign the resolution allowing GRADD to seek its annual funding grant. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Henderson and seconded by Mayor Watson to recommend the Policy Committee vote to sign the resolution allowing GRADD to seek its annual funding grant. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. FY 2023 UPWP

Mr. Lovett told the members he has begun work on a new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is the document that lays out the MPO's duties every year. This document must be produced annually. It must be complete and approved by the MPO by the end of April.

Mr. Lovett stated some additions to the UPWP were new this year, and he wanted to bring them the members' attention in this draft document.

The first area where items have been added is Public Participation. Mr. Lovett explained the FHWA and FTA want the MPO to get involved in virtual meetings and virtual public participation through efforts like streaming the MPO meetings.

Mr. Lovett shared this purpose was one of the reasons the MPO set up a Facebook page.

Mr. Lovett added another emphasis area was Equity and Justice. Agencies were stressing efforts by the MPO to actively reach out to traditionally disadvantaged communities, rather than just broadcasting its message to the general public. He explained general notification would continue, but the MPO would be making more of an effort to target traditionally underserved communities.

Mr. Lovett continued the final impact on the UPWP was under Active Transit. He stated FTA and FHWA are stressing Complete Streets when planning projects. A Complete Street is one with facilities for multiple modes of transportation, such as walking, biking and mass transit, rather than just personal vehicles. There is no requirement to include multiple modes of transportation in projects, but the agencies want the MPO to at least consider it when planning.

Mayor Watson asked if the FHWA and FTA would consider funding for those type of projects. Mr. Lovett responded the details on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law were still a little unclear, but it was his understanding there would be funding available.

Judge Mattingly pointed out over the past few years local projects have been taking those aspects into account.



Mr. Lovett shared another emphasis was assisting local transit agencies with converting to alternative fuels. Owensboro Transit has bought an electric bus and charging station, which are expected to be delivered this year. With the purchase of this electric bus, all their buses are within their federally determined useful life, which should last for 20 years. If FTA funds are used toward the purchase of a bus, it must be kept on the road for at least that long. Mr. Lovett said the next buses to be replaced by OTS would be ready to go – in terms of age – for about another three years.

Mr. Lovett shared another transit issue being explored is efforts to reduce or eliminate transit fares. Mr. Lovett declared there is no mandate; they just want the MPO to be aware fares could be a barrier for some members of the community. OTS's current fare is \$1, but Owensboro City Manager Nate Pagan pointed out the city waived the fare during the pandemic.

Dan Lanham of GRITS stated zero fare is not a good idea. With no fare, many people get on the bus who are not really there to ride the bus. He added GRITS, which transports disabled persons, is legally prohibited from charging more for its service than OTS's fare. He shared GRITS could not operate with zero fare. He shared his concerns of the many complications if the city eliminates charging fares.

Mr. Lovett stated the last point to address is reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips and increasing use of transit. OTS has just received the results of a study that looked at the agency's bus routes and assessed where improvements could be made. The MPO would be assisting Transit Manager Pamela Canary as she pursued any changes that resulted from the study.

Chamber of Commerce President Candance Brake asked about the possibility of running increasing bus service to the AirPark. She shared there are many people, especially second-shift workers who do not have transportation to and from work. Mr. Pagan said they had just received the report and were still going through it, but it does suggest expanding hours of service. He stated the city would try to address the issue.

City Commissioner Charlie Castlen asked Mr. Lovett to send out the link to the Safety Dashboard mentioned earlier in the meeting. Mr. Lovett said he would send the link out. Mr. Lovett said he would also send out the link to the Safety Target meeting that afternoon mentioned by Ms. Dupont.

Mr. Pagan pointed out 15 items were added to the UPWP while nothing was eliminated, so he wanted to thank the MPO and GRADD staff for all the work they do.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## VI. UPDATES

### A. Highway District Office Update

Deneatra Henderson provided the following updates:

- The electric charging station plan is not being worked on at the district level, but at the KYTC office in Frankfort. John Moore is leading the effort. As the process moves forward, she will know more and share with the MPO.

- KY 54, the Fairview Drive widening and Fairview Drive roundabout are all ongoing projects. She would know more about timing of construction once the 2022 Highway Plan is approved.
- Frederica Street in the Downtown area will be resurfaced in the next year. Ms. Henderson said they will try to do subsurface work this summer to make the repairs last longer. Paving repairs generally last 10 to 12 years, and the most recent work of Frederica only lasted five. So, the state wants to do more than just repave; they want to dig down and try to address the issues causing the problems.

B. MPO Update

Mr. Lovett provided the following updates:

- The MPO will be working on a new TIP throughout the upcoming year.
- He is working with OTS on some grants
- He is working on the FHWA and FTA grants needed to fund MPO operations.
- He personally wanted to thank Barry House for all his efforts in helping him get up to speed when he joined the MPO.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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## SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting: Owensboro-Daviess County MPO

Time &amp; Location: 10 a.m. February 22, 2022; Room 406 Owensboro City Hall and Online

NAME	AGENCY
1. Max GGA	GTADD
2. Kevin McClearn	AEI
3. Mark Brasher	DCFC
4. Tim Lyons	Omy
5. Tom Watson	City
6. Joanna Shaker	GRADD
7. Scott Atherton	KENERGY
8. <del>Al Hattley</del>	DCFC
9. Nate Pagan	City
10. Dan Lenthall	SACS/GRITS
11. Tristan Durbin	OWB Airport
12. Nick Hall	KYTC
13. Gail Mayeux	FTA
14. Garret Gordon	RJRA
15. Barry House	KYTE
16. Sidro Delgado	KYTC
17. Charles Carter	DCFC
18. Kelsey Gragers	KYTC
19. Depectra Henderson	KYTC-D2
20. Candace Balke	Chamber
21. Brittney Johnson	GOEDC
22. Devia Colignon	City
23. Brian	OMC
24. Bernadette Dupont	FHWA
25. <del>Don</del>	GRADD/MPO